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In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006 1228A

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INTERMETALLIC COMPOUND Ni₃Al CATALYST FOR REFORMING METHANOL AND METHANOL REFORMING METHOD USING SAME

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action of December 9, 2010, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed June 9, 2011.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for a one month Extension of Time are submitted herewith.

Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.